





## CURRENT PARAPHRASES.

Southern News.

Knoxville has sixty-nine prisoners in the county jail and an equal number in the work-house.

The Georgetown (S. C.) Times says of the rice crop: "The harvest of the harvest augurs hopes entertained of an abundance in gathering into empty barns and pockets, but the season has been only two working days—Friday and Saturday—barely giving an opportunity of reaping the rice already cut down from the ravages of the high tides. The results of recent pounding at the mills show the immense shrinkage of the crop. Where thirty and thirty-five bushels to the acre were expected, the mills put out only twelve, fourteen and sixteen bushels, and that, too, of an inferior article. The birds have been unusually disastrous this year."

The cotton report of the statistician of the department of agriculture for October makes a favorable condition nearly as high as 1876; it is 81.1 against 82.7 last year and 88 the year before. The decline in the condition during September is less this year than last. Georgia and Tennessee make the same averages in September, North Carolina higher and all other states lower, though Arkansas declines but 1 percent. The state percentages are as follows: Alabama, 85; South Carolina, 79; Georgia, 77; Florida, 88; Alabama, 88; Mississippi, 89; Louisiana, 77; Texas, 64; Arkansas, 98; Tennessee, 88.

Charleston Journal of Commerce: Dr. Manning Simons, who responded to the appeal for medical aid, or rather volunteered services to the afflicted, of the Port Royal, returned Saturday from the scenes of his labor of charity. He states that the fever epidemic has not only decreased, but is almost over, there being twenty-one sick and convalescing in the hospital, and the remainder of the crew of the United States steamer New Hampshire, with a philanthropy which does them the honor of giving them a hundred and twenty-five dollars to the relief of the sufferers, and the surgeons of the vessel, who have been so signified their willingness and desire to render medical aid, but were prevented by the stringent regulations of the service from attending on any patient other than those immediately under their charge.

Massachusetts: A universalist convention voted a resolution favoring a recognition of God in the constitution, 46 to 14.

The church of Jesus, in Mexico, a branch of the Protestant Episcopal church, is growing rapidly. It has 21 congregations in one state, that of Mexico.

The Presbyterian board of foreign missions is gradually increasing its missionary staff. In 1875, 894, and in 1877, 901. The number of American missionaries, however, is decreasing. In 1875 there were 136; in 1876, 135; in 1877, 120.

Canon Liddon, who is now the great ruler of the church in England, in a recent sermon in St. Paul's cathedral, said that some public preachers resembled a leading article in a newspaper, which is thrown into the unusual form of an appeal to the Almighty.

The Southern Presbyterian assembly has definitely retired from the business of printing and manufacturing books and newspapers. The executive committee of publication has been organized for the preparation of its works by contract. The house for the sale of books must be located in Richmond, Virginia. Recent troubles, growing out of the administration of their publishing establishment, have led the Southern Presbyterians to change their policy.

The Roman Gazette delta Capitale says the question of the marriage of priests has been under discussion at the Vatican. It further says that the party which favors the marriage of priests is by no means small, and even counts among its members very many of the upper as well as the lower clergy. But among them there is a strong opinion. Shall there be given permission to marry, or shall it be made obligatory to do so? The latter is the opinion, saying that a married priest is the strongest guarantee of morality. But there are many others who oppose such a decision. The question is decided at all it will be in the sense of permission to marry.

## Industrial.

Sweet fern is extensively used in Maine in the manufacture of annins. Producers receive \$5 per ton for it.

In Virginia and North Carolina the acreage planted in tobacco is fifty percent larger than last year, and promises to be better in the same ratio.

The Russian government recently ordered all rolling stock and locomotives used on Russian railways to be manufactured within the empire.

San Francisco manufacturers are trying to supersede Chinese manufacturing of rubbings and sealants to be manufactured within the empire.

A fourteen-acre field near Georgetown, S. C., has produced nine hundred and ninety-four bushels of rice, being an average of seventy-one bushels to the acre.

A Needham, Wisconsin, cranberry firm has about five hundred Indians employed picking berries. They are good berry pickers, but the farmers in that section complain terribly about raids on their potato and corn fields.

The building of metallic railway cars has been in course of experiment for some time. Steel freight cars are suggested, as they are far less liable to rust than those constructed of wood, thus saving wear and tear of the tracks. It is claimed that a steel car of ten tons weight can be made that will last twice as long as one of wood, and will cost twice as much to build. The construction of these cars is also stronger and more durable than the wooden ones. Already many iron coal cars are in use.

## Educational and Religious.

Three young men—graduates of Yale, Williams, Oberlin and Beloit—are soon to sail, with their wives, to the missions of the American board in Turkey, China and Japan.

The following shows the amount of the Peabody education fund distributed among the states enumerated for the past ten years:

Virginia	\$201,250
North Carolina	26,000
South Carolina	27,650
Georgia	71,062
Florida	38,973
Alabama	55,450
Mississippi	55,450
Louisiana	55,450
Texas	18,600
Arkansas	19,650
Tennessee	19,650
West Virginia	107,710

The last of Panama is 70 miles wide and 350 long.

New York City paid \$1,748,450 in damages for the draft riots of 1863.

A Guinean has cut off 22,000 French heads, is on exhibition in London.

The census returns of Japan, just made up, show a population of 33,625,678.

The United States annually ships over 100,000 boxes of clothes-pins to England.

Since the first of January 110,357 pounds of opium have been received at New York, valued at \$557,139.

The Lucknow market has shipped 2,855,105 tons of coal this year, an increase of 787,476 tons over last year.

California's wool growth is becoming one of her greatest industries, the export last year having been over fifty millions.

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